

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Administrator:
Fr. Pio Libby, Moderator, FoH

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St. Catherine of Siena Church
6476 Bayers Road
www.saintcatherinesofsiena.ca

St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
5032 Normandy Drive
www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
2263 Brunswick Street
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
6351 North Street
www.sttheresaschurch.org

Administrative Assistants:

St. Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena
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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Religious Education Coordinators:

St. Catherine's - Donna Noddin
St. Mother's Teresa - Susan Sarty
St. Patrick's - TBA
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena	St. Theresa's	St. Patrick's	St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm Tuesday - Noon	Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am Wednesday - 9:00am	Sunday 9:30am Thursday - 5:15pm	Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am Friday - 9:00am

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

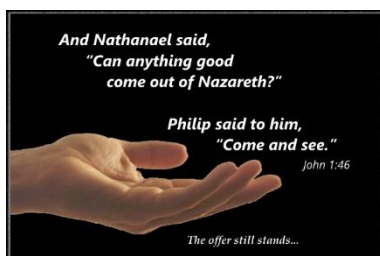
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 18, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 20th – Robert Kilvert
Saturday, September 24th – Sharon Kilvert

GATHER WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH



mission Christ has called us to!

**Jesus invites you to
Come and See!**
Join us for the 2022
Assembly of the
People of God where
we invite you to
rediscover the

*45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth."
46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

This passage comes from John's gospel and is part of Jesus' invitation to the first disciples. Notably, Philip accepted this invitation and immediately invited his Nathanael to come and see this man Jesus. The Assembly will encourage and empower you to think about Christ's invitation to you and in turn how you too are called to invite others.

So, we invite you to the Assembly as it happens across the Archdiocese in every parish on Saturday, September 24th, at 9:00 am (doors will open at 8:30

am). Gather with your Parish Family at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 6476 Bayers Road. We will connect to the Diocesan events via livestream to pray together, hear from Archbishop Dunn, and get inspired by keynote speaker, Ryan O'Hara. This will be followed by our own Parish session (to end by 12:15 pm), where we will have a chance to reflect upon and discuss the themes presented. Plan now to attend!!! Refreshments will be served!

REST IN PEACE QUEEN ELIZABETH II

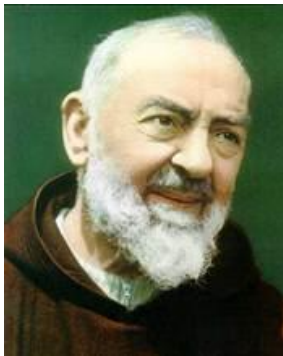


As we receive the news of Queen Elizabeth II's death, Archbishop Dunn and the faithful of the Archdiocese join many around the world in

offering their prayers and condolences to the Royal Family and all who knew and loved the Queen. Over her 70-year reign, she led with grace and wisdom and was a true example of service and loyalty to her people, her country, and all members of the Commonwealth. May she rest in peace.

Archbishop Dunn will be attending the multi-faith memorial service for the Queen on Monday, September 19th, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints. The service is open to the public and guests are asked to be in their seats by 1:30 pm. The service will begin at 2:00 pm and will also be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/nsgov>

FEAST OF PADRE PIO – SEPTEMBER 23RD



Padre Pio is a very special saint in the Franciscan tradition and a wonderful role model in faith. Mass for his feast will be celebrated on Friday, September 23rd, at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Mother Teresa's Church. All are welcome.

Padre Pio (May 25, 1887 – September 23, 1968) - On June 16, 2002 in Rome, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, one of the greatest saints of all times. There are saints who have been known for healing; there are saints who could "read" souls; there are saints who were known for levitation; there were saints who bore the stigmata, or were seen in apparition or who had the "odor of sanctity". There

were saints who could understand languages they didn't know. But Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who died on September 23, 1968, had all these charisms, and more. In fact, not since St. Francis of Assisi has there been such a miracle-worker.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish offers a Religious Education Program for students from grade primary to nine.

Classes for students in grade primary to six are held at our four local churches and include preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in grade two.

Religious instruction for junior high students, including Confirmation instruction (grade nine), is provided through the Parish Youth Group. For information on the junior high program, please contact Laurie Tarulli at laureltarulli@yahoo.com.

The focus of the elementary program is to involve the family unit in the life of their child's faith formation, and in the life of the community in which they worship.

Students from grade primary to six will gather on a bi-weekly basis to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. These Gatherings take place on Sundays from 10:15 – 10:45 am in the Church Hall. On the alternating Sunday, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass. The first Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on October 2nd. The first Gathering will take place on Sunday, October 16th.

Parents of those who have already been involved in our program will receive an email with information on how to register. For those who have not been previously registered with us, we would LOVE to have your children join us!! Email donna.noddin@gmail.com for more information.

HRM NEGOTIATIONS ON BAYERS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT



In May of 2022, parishioners received their last update on this project when temporary bus lanes were put in place across the street from the church (outbound) from Windsor to

Connolly Street until the widening project gets underway in 2023.

We are pleased to announce that our negotiations that began in December 2019 have been finalized. After a long process in which St. Catherine’s engaged Diocesan support, legal advice, requested a second appraisal, and the assistance of an engineer, the agreement was signed on May 25th.

As a result of the agreement:

- St. Catherine’s has been compensated in the amount of \$123,240 for the appropriation of 1.5 feet of land in front of our property.

In addition:

- Instead of having the stone wall replaced that borders the sidewalk in front of the Rectory, HRM agreed to give us \$18,000 to replace the stone wall going up the driveway of the Rectory to the side steps.
- All legal costs, the cost of the second appraisal we requested, and engineering costs were paid by the HRM. (Total: \$20,620)
- HRM will regrade the front lawn area of both the Rectory and Church, and a new step up from the sidewalk to the platform before you reach the existing steps of the church will be installed because of the change in the grade of land.
- HRM will provide new asphalt to approximately 80% of our existing parking lot because of the change in the grade of land. We will plan to pay for what remains to be asphalted at the same time.
- Last, but not least, the power pole at the west end of our property will be moved to allow the driveway entrance into the parking lot to be wider and to be totally on our property as currently, we drive over a couple of feet of our neighbor’s property to enter.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE

January – June 2022

Second Quarter Financial Results



Our second quarter parish results are considerably worse than the comparable 2021 period with a loss of \$36,000 vs \$1,000. It cost \$35,000 more to heat the four

churches. Other changes in revenue and expense balanced out.

Total Revenue is up by \$30,400.

Major areas of improvement are:

Sunday Collections	\$10,500	Thank you for your increased contributions
My Extra Help	\$8,000	Thank you for your contributions (St. Theresa’s only)
Residence Rental	\$20,000	Agreement with Jesuits (St Mother Teresa’s)
Covid wage subsidy	-\$9,000	Decreased. No longer available

Total Expenses are up by \$66,000.

Major changes are:

Church Insurance	\$8,000	Increased rates
Church Snowplowing	\$5,000	Increased
Church Heating	\$35,000	Increased cost of oil & gas, more usage, daily masses now that Covid-19 has lessened
Church Capital Projects	-\$7,000	Decreased
Residence Capital Projects	\$8,000	Increased
Residence Heating	\$6,000	Increased cost of oil and natural gas
Liturgical Supplies	\$5,000	Increased supplies now that Covid-19 has lessened

Thanks for your support and participation as we all deal with these challenging times. Your comments, questions and suggestions are welcome. Please send them to the Parish Finance Council, c/o the Parish Office.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



The 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is: **End Racism. Build Peace.**

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21st. The UN

General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. Peace. Let's give it a chance, and remember this intention in our prayers!

STEWARDSHIP



There are a number of ways you can donate.

Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DIOCESAN NEWS:

WHAT IS A DEACON?

This weekend, September 17th – 18th, Archbishop Dunn has invited pastors to have a deacon preach at the Mass as a means to bring attention to the ministry

of the permanent deacon. A Diaconal 'Come and See' will be hosted on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 5 Bedford Street, Bedford, from 9:00 am to noon.

Restored after 1,500 years by the Second Vatican Council, the Diaconate is rooted in the experience of the New Testament Church. We read in Acts that the apostles chose deacons to help them respond to the pressing needs of the infant Church in Jerusalem and maintain fidelity to its mission of service. Deacons are called to embody the ideal of every follower of Christ, to be "one who serves" (Luke 22:27).

Many deacons are numbered among the saints celebrated by the Church throughout the liturgical year. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of the original seven deacons in the Acts of the Apostles. Lawrence, among the great saints in the early church and on the list of martyrs venerated at Rome, was untiring in his efforts to serve the greatest treasure of the Church of Rome, its poor.

In the early Church, deacons responded to the needs identified by the bishops. Contemporary deacons also have a wide outlook. Ordained for the service of the diocese, they are recognized as collaborative associates of the bishops. The ministry of deacons, in parishes, and in special outreach ministries, by its very nature, calls for a team approach, complimentary to the ministries of others.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in discerning a call to the diaconate, contact the Director of Deacons, Deacon Robert Doyle at directorofdeacons@gmail.com

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass

Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:

Monday - 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction - St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church

Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church

YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

Parish - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0q/videos>